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In re Application of: JARABEK, Andrew; TOMBUL, Aris; CARSON, Mark; NGUYEN, Ho  
Serial No.: 10/675,799(UNOFFICIAL)  
Filed: September 30, 2003  
Title: MANAGING DATA IN A SUBTENDED SWITCH  
Group: 2631  
Examiner:  
Attorney Ref.: PAT 2514-2 US

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**RESPONSE**

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 17, 2005 advising of the reconstruction of the above-referenced application file pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.251.

**REMARKS**

This is in response to the Notice Under 37 CFR 1.251. The copies submitted with this reply is a complete and accurate copy of the Applicant's record of correspondence between the Patent Office and the Applicant for the above-identified application. Please note that this file was transferred to us from the prior attorneys. Therefore, we can not state with certainty what was and was not sent to the USPTO, however, we are submitting what is in our file and believed to have been sent to the USPTO.

In an effort to ensure we comply with our duty of candor, we are erring on the side of inclusion and are therefore including documents in our file without knowing whether they were sent or are simply prior drafts. In particular, you will note that an erroneous assignment is included purporting to assign the above-referenced patent application to Nortel Networks Limited having a place of business at IP Law, Business Services, 600 Technology Park Drive, Billerica, MA 01821-5501 dated October 29, 2003 and November 20, 2003. We do

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not know whether that assignment was filed with the USPTO or not. In any event, the correct assignment from the inventors is dated February 12, 2004 and February 25, 2004 which correctly lists the assignee's information.

As it is unclear whether the erroneous assignment was filed, and as we can not confirm with the USPTO as the USPTO has lost its file, we are enclosing out of an abundance of caution in order to ensure that we comply with our duty of candor. However, we do not believe it was filed. If it was filed, it was filed erroneously and in any event, the correct assignment is enclosed.

No fee is believed due for this submission. However, Applicant authorizes the Commissioner to debit any required fee from Deposit Account No. 501593, in the name of Borden Ladner Gervais LLP. The Commissioner is further authorized to debit any additional amount required, and to credit any overpayment to the above-noted deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Jarabeck et al.

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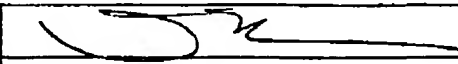
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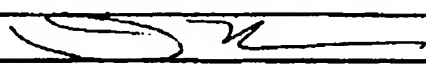
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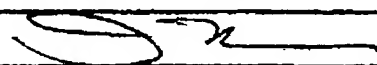
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In a previous submission to the USPTO, a power of attorney was filed appointing the practitioners of Customer Number 42534 and revoking all previous agents and attorneys. This action has not been completed. Please update the USPTO records to:

1. appoint the practitioners of Customer Number 42534 as agents on the above referenced file;
2. direct all correspondence on the above referenced file to Customer Number 42534; and
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Please provide us with confirmation that the USPTO records have been updated to provide us with access to these files and to ensure that correspondence is being sent to our offices.

As many of our files have not properly been assigned to our customer number, we have recently experienced problematic issues of abandonment, correspondence from United States Patent and Trademark Office on files on which we should be noted as agents of record being mailed to firms who are not agents of record, revocation of Power of Attorney on applications on which we should not have been revoked, and appointments of agents to files which are not our responsibility.

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Respectfully, the undersigned points out that these issues appear to have resulted through some inaction or error of the USPTO. Moreover, these issues have resulted in significant added costs to our clients and deleterious effects on our client's prospective patent rights.

If you have any questions or concerns with regard to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,  
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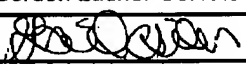
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